Introduced by Senator Escutia

February 12, 2003

An act to amend Section 8204 of the Education Code, relating to childcare.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 167, as introduced, Escutia. Childcare: nutrition.

Existing law declares the policy of the state that each childcare and development facility, as defined, has an obligation to provide for the nutritional needs of the children attending that childcare and development facility.

This bill would express the encouragement of the Legislature that each childcare and development facility, as defined, provide to the children in its care only those foods and beverages that meet specified nutritional requirements.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8204 of the Education Code is amended 2 to read:
- 3 8204. In recognition of the demonstrated relationship
- 4 between food and good nutrition and the capacity of children to
- 5 develop and learn, it is the policy of this state that no child shall
- 6 be hungry while in attendance in a child care childcare and
- 7 development facilities facility as defined in Section 8208 and that
- 8 child each childcare and development facilities have facility has
- 9 an obligation to provide for the nutritional needs of children in

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- 1 attendance. The Legislature encourages each childcare and 2 development facility to provide only those foods and beverages 3 that meet the nutritional requirements set forth in subdivision (b)
- 4 of Section 49431.